PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2005-299-C

MCI, Incorporated ("MCI"), on behalf of its subsidiaries MCI WorldCom Network Services, Incorporated, ("MCI Network Services") and MCI WorldCom Communications Services, Incorporated ("MCI Communications Services") has filed an Application for Expedited Approval of Transfer of Assets with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for such authority as may be necessary or required for the transfer to MCI Communications Services of certain assets of MCI Network Services related to its provision of telecommunication services. According to the Application, this Transaction is another step in MCI's effort to streamline its corporate structure, achieve cost savings and eliminate any administrative duplication. The Transaction is expected to be completed by December 31, 2005. The Application reveals that the Transaction is an essential aspect of MCI's continued plans to streamline its corporate structure and allow it to operate in a more efficient manner. The Transaction will result in MCI Network Services' assets, facilities and wholesale customer contracts involving long distance telephone, data and Internet services, being transferred to MCI Communications Services. MCI Network Services' assets will be transferred to MCI Communications Services. MCI Network Services has no retail customers. All customers served by MCI Network Services' facilities and pursuant to contract with MCI Network Services will be served by MCI Communications Services after the transfer of the assets. MCI Communications Services has all authority necessary to provide the services currently provided by MCI Network Services. No new authority is being requested. MCI, Incorporated, the ultimate parent of both companies, will retain control of both subsidiaries. There is no change of ownership of certificates of authority. MCI Network Services, Incorporated is retaining its certificates and is not asking for the cancellation of authority at this time. According to the Application, the transfer of the assets and customers will not adversely affect the provision of services in South Carolina. Wholesale customers will receive the same services at the same high quality from MCI Communications Services that they currently receive from MCI Network Services. No changes will be made to the rates, terms and conditions or service offerings; only the name will change, and all branding will still remain MCI, making the transfer of assets transparent to all customers.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the Commission's web site at www.psc.sc.gov, and is available from Darra W. Cothran, Esquire, Woodward, Cothran & Herndon, 1200 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, South Carolina 29201.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **November 7**, **2005** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2005-299-C*.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, and Darra W. Cothran, Esquire, at the above address, on or before **November 7, 2005** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No.* 2005-299-C.

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **November 7, 2005**. *Please refer to Docket No.* **2005-299-C**.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding <u>MUST</u> present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

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